

## GENERAL ABOUTS IS NOT KNOWN HERE

Conflicting Reports Are Received From Agents Concerning Mexican Rebel.

A number of conflicting reports regarding the whereabouts of General Orozco, the Mexican rebel chief, were received at the State and War Departments today.

Some of the dispatches state that he is in Juarez, and others declare that he left the railroad south of Juarez and started for the west coast.

The insurgent army is headed for the fastnesses of the mountains in Sonora, with the federal army several days' march behind.

Consul Letcher in a telegram from Chihuahua received today reports that practically all the revolutionists have left that section. Federal troops are encamped there in small detachments.

Consul Edwards at Juarez announces that several trainloads of revolutionary officials and women have arrived there, but that conditions are quiet, and there are no indications of disturbances.

The consul at Monterrey reports that order has been restored in the states of Chihuahua, Durango, San Luis Potosi, Coahuila, Tamaulipas, and Nuevo Leon, and that in most of the northern part of Mexico the situation is greatly improved.

There is a strike among the laborers of the factories of Orizaba. The consul at Vera Cruz today informed the State Department an engagement has occurred between the strikers and volunteer laborers in which several were killed and many wounded. The governor of the state of Orizaba, unable to deal successfully with the outbreak, has resigned.

According to the consul at Frontera order has been restored since July 1 in the state of Tabasco. The bandit, who recently attacked the town, are said to represent no revolutionary movement, and to have sought only plunder. Americans were not molested.

RECEPTION FOR CAPITAL SINGERS

Saengerbund and Arion Chorus Feted Today By Comrades.

An informal reception is being accorded the members of the Washington Saengerbund and the Arion Gassinger Chorus, who participated in the Northeastern Saengerfest at Philadelphia, today by other members of the organization who stayed in Washington and heard by telegraph the success of their brethren. The singers are being received in the club rooms of their respective organizations.

Washington was well represented at the Saengerfest not only by the choruses from the two local organizations, but also by many other Germans who attended the affair to hear the singers. There were about sixty in the delegation which represented this city in the festival.

Among those who participated in the big concert were Albert Lepper, John Winkler, Thomas Mayo, Abe Frauer, Max Schmidt, August Schmidt, Dr. S. Graser, W. Weigman, Prof. Gumbel, Karl Hofer, F. Carl, and John Waldman.

Several hundred members of the Verein Baden and their families attended the annual picnic of the city which was held yesterday afternoon and evening at a farm on the Bladenburg road. President Dittes had charge of the arrangements.

Messenger Boys' Trip Is Halted by Police

Frank E. Doyle, Linwood Plummer, George Smith, and Roy Carroll, messenger boys who left Washington last Friday to go to Atlantic City on their bicycles, are back home today. The boys got as far as Baltimore, where they tried to sell their wheels to purchase railroad tickets to Atlantic City. This resulted in the police of the Monumental City being notified, and they were detained until the arrival of Detective Embrey, of this city.

The detective brought young Doyle and Plummer back with him last night, while the other two returned home on their bicycles.

Thrown From Car When It Hits Telegraph Pole

Morris C. Brown, twenty-two years old, of 1209 G street northwest, was painfully hurt about the head in an automobile accident in the Bladenburg road early today.

Brown was driving toward the city when something went wrong with the steering gear near the intersection of Bladenburg road and H street northwest. The machine swung to the side of the road and before Brown could bring it to a stop, crashed into a telegraph pole. He was thrown out. The front of the car was badly damaged.

Sleman Memorial Sends Out Appeal for Funds

Fifteen hundred letters, addressed to public-spirited citizens, asking that they contribute to the John B. Sleman, jr. memorial hall fund, have been mailed out by the executive committee of the Sleman memorial committee. It is the hope of those interested in the project that the \$25,000 desired will be contributed.

The Y. M. C. A. owns a lot adjoining its building on G street northwest, and eventually plans to erect an addition there, of which the Sleman hall will be a part. One of the purposes of the memorial hall is to afford room for the educational and physical teaching of poor boys in Washington.

Woman Who Shot Husband Is Wanted

Maryland authorities are hunting today for Mrs. Hattie Jenkins, a colored woman, living near Oxon Hill. Mrs. Jenkins is alleged to have shot her husband, John Jenkins, aged twenty-two, in the leg with an old army musket when he returned home Saturday afternoon after a two weeks' absence. Jenkins was brought by the father of the woman to Congress Heights in a wagon. The trip took three hours, and the man was in a weakened state when he arrived. His leg was amputated above the knee. Today it is announced that he probably will recover.

## Died in California



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Former President of Federation of Clubs Passes Away After Operation.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, of Denver, former president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, died here last night, following a surgical operation performed several days ago for intestinal trouble.

The operation was performed last Friday, and Mrs. Decker rallied immediately. Until Saturday night her condition was considered hopeful, but after a change for the worse in the evening, she sank steadily.

Mrs. Decker came here to attend the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. In the sessions of the convention she was conspicuous by successful pleas for an amendment fund.

She was taken ill Monday, and Dr. Cornelia de Beyer, of Chicago, one of the federation delegates, sent her to a sanatorium and called a consultation. From the first it was made known that Mrs. Decker's condition was critical.

Houdini Escapes From Box at Bottom of Bay

NEW YORK, July 8.—Harry Houdini, who for ten years has amazed the public and police of the principal cities of the world by the ease with which he escaped from handcuffs, manacles, and prison cells, performed a submarine trick off Governor's Island yesterday that puts Monte Cristo's famous bag trick to shame.

His wrists firmly clipped with two pairs of regulation police handcuffs and his ankles bound together by a pair of ugly looking legions, the "escape artist" allowed himself to be nailed up in what appeared on closest inspection to be an ordinary substantial packing box. In the box he was then tossed into the bay in a few seconds less than a minute Houdini bobbed up to the surface, free of all his manacles, having escaped from the box without drawing a nail or a breath.

Houdini's latest achievement was accomplished in the presence of a half dozen newspaper editors, each determined to save the secret of the trick.

Takes Fatal Dive In the Anacostia

His head striking a clay bank, Ernest Woolford, twenty-two years old, was instantly killed while diving in the northwestern branch of the Anacostia river, near Hyattsville, Md., yesterday afternoon. His neck was broken by the fall. He was diving at a place known as "hole No. 7," where the water was supposed to be deep.

The young man lived with Richard Wood in Hyattsville. The body was recovered shortly after the accident, and taken to George's undertaking establishment in Bladenburg. Justice of the Peace Dahler, acting coroner, will hold an inquest tonight in Vanhorn's store in Brentwood.

Woolford made what is called "the deep dive" from the banks of the stream. It was some time before his comrades realized an accident had taken place, believing the young man was swimming under water.

Services at St. Alban Throughout Summer

Canon William L. DeVries will conduct services in Bethlehem Chapel, at St. Alban, throughout the present month, and during August and until September 15, Canon Richard P. Williams will be in charge. The Sunday afternoon services at the foot of the Peace Cross will be in charge of visiting ministers.

During the summer St. John's and Christ Churches, in Georgetown, will unite in services, with the Rev. Dean Hobbs, of Kansas, in charge. Christ Church, at the Navy Yard, will not be closed, and the Rev. Robert U. Brookings will be in charge.

The Rev. John Lacy, of Hinton, W. Va., will take charge this week of West Presbyterian Church, Thirty-first and P streets northwest.

Patriotic Song Service.

The Hamline M. E. Church held a special church service last night at which only patriotic songs were sung. The regular choir was assisted by the Misses Flora Ferguson, Louise Carey, and Irma Buck. Mrs. R. Debus and Messrs. Bridwell, Dawkins, and Bowen.

## MOTHER IS HELD PENDING PROBE OF CHILD'S DEATH

Neglect in Not Sending for Physician Charged by Authorities.

A coroner's jury will investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of the six-week-old child of Mrs. Gertrude Withers, wife of W. B. Withers, a Washington drug clerk, living at Mt. Rainier, at an inquest to be held at the little Maryland town at 8 o'clock tonight.

Mrs. Withers, who was taken in custody following the posting on her home of a notice which read "Died this morning; never thrived," is being detained by the town authorities pending the verdict of the coroner's jury. The child is said to have died without medical attendance.

Alleged neglect on the part of the mother in not sending for a physician is charged by the authorities, and it is probable that the coroner's jury will be called upon to examine Mrs. Withers as to her mental condition.

The posting of the notice on the house yesterday morning was the first any one knew that the child had died. Mrs. Withers' husband has been in Washington most of the time for the last week and was not at home yesterday. Neighbors informed Mayor Plant that the notice was on the house. The mayor, accompanied by Health Officer Joseph Ohlendorf, went to the Withers' home. They had the infant's body taken in charge by a Hyattsville undertaker and decided to detain the woman for the action of the coroner's jury.

Denies Advertising To Get A Husband

Mrs. Manther Replies To Charges Regarding Matrimonial Affairs.

Mrs. Martha E. Manther, wife of Gustave A. Manther, the former Navy Yard employee placed on probation on condition that he would pay his family \$8 a week, after he had been arrested on a charge of non-support, denies that she advertised for a husband and got Manther.

Like-wise, she denies that he did not know she had three children when he married her, as he claimed in his account of the matrimonial difficulties.

"Mr. Manther knew the three children before the marriage," declares Mrs. Manther. "It was so determined to marry that he said he didn't care if I had six children."

"Not a word was said regarding \$3,000. My first knowledge was what I read in the papers. I believe it was said out of revenge. I had property in Newark valued at \$3,000, which was sold upon my getting married. He helped spend it after losing his position."

The story told by Manther was that he answered an advertisement and began a correspondence with Mrs. Manther, which resulted in their marriage in Newark, N. J., in 1906. He claimed that Mrs. Manther led him to believe that she had \$3,000, but instead had three children.

Attorneys M. E. O'Brien and N. E. Turnage represented Manther.

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## SUIT TO GET SEAT IN COUNCILS OPENS

Barrett-Lambert Contest in Alexandria Has Preliminary Hearing Today—Special Grand Jury Indicts Colored Man Who Was "Just Playing."

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., JULY 8.

A special grand jury which met in corporation court today returned indictments against William Hamsborough, white, and James Williams, colored, the result of a police court hearing about two weeks ago, when grave charges were filed against the man by Mary Kane, a thirteen-year-old girl.

Williams is accused of the theft of \$88 in currency from the pocket of J. H. Carver, his employer. The alleged theft occurred Saturday afternoon. Carver, who resides in Fairfax county, and has an extensive milk route in this city, discovered at about 2 o'clock that his pocketbook, containing \$88, was missing.

He at once accused Williams of the theft and, tearing the man's shirt from his body, found the money concealed. At the police court hearing this morning, Williams said that both had been drinking and he "was just playing with the man."

A preliminary hearing was granted in the same court on the quo warranto proceedings brought by Robert S. Barrett against Urban S. Lambert, which has for its object the possession of the latter's seat in the city council, to which Barrett claims he was legally elected. The case will probably come to trial within the next month. Judge J. K. M. Norton represents Lambert, and Judge C. E. Nichol appeared for Barrett.

Lambert was selected by council to fill the unexpired term of the late Hubert Snowden. It was claimed by the Barrett side that he should serve only until the next general election, following his appointment, and not the full length of the term, which does not expire for two years.

At the general election of June 11, Barrett accordingly entered his name on the ticket. Councilman Lambert not holding it necessary to do so. As there was no opposition, a certificate of election was presented to him, which, when presented to the last session of council, was refused on the ground that no vacancy existed.

Barrett was then sworn in office by N. S. Greenaway, clerk of the courts, and is now endeavoring to gain his seat by process of law.

The preliminary motions in the annexation suit, brought by the city of Alexandria against the boards of supervisors of Fairfax and Alexandria counties, will be heard on the circuit court for the county on either July 17 or 18. The probabilities are that Judge B. T. Gordon, who sat in the former case, will also preside at this one. The case will hardly go on trial, it is said, before October.

A meeting of the conference committee of the city council has been called for this evening for the purpose of deciding upon the amendments to the new set of city health laws, on which the two branches of council are deadlocked. It is hoped that a suitable agreement may be made in order that the committee can report at tomorrow night's meeting of the city fathers.

Those composing the committee are Councilmen Birrell, Lambert, and Williams, and Aldermen Ogden and Field.

Funeral services for Thomas E. Beach, the Alexandria engineer who was killed in a railroad wreck at Greensboro, N. C., Saturday, were held from his residence, 308 North Alfred street, at 3:30

this afternoon. The ceremonies were conducted by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, and the pallbearers were selected from the membership of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Wentzel will take place from Demeine's undertaking establishment at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. P. Parker Phillips, of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, will officiate.

Left in a destitute condition with her two children by her husband, Mrs. Edith Griggs was today compelled to apply to Mayor Frederick J. Paff for aid to return to the home of relatives in Goldsboro, N. C. At the request of the mayor, transportation was afforded her by the Southern railway.

Charles T. Goods, chief of police, left last night for Toronto, Canada, where he will attend the convention of International Police Chiefs, in session there tomorrow. In his absence, his duties are being discharged by Lieut. J. Frank Betts, supplemented by Officer John T. Roberts, assigned to desk duty.

A meeting of the officers of the Alexandria Sunday School Baseball Association will be held in the rooms of the chamber of commerce this evening. At this time it is expected to adopt a permanent schedule, as well as draw up the constitution and by-laws of the association.

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